Providence, Aug. 15, 1874.

Dear Wife — Yours of the 13th was not received till this forenoon. I immediately sent a telegram to you, announcing a postponement of my visit home; regretting to feel obliged to do so, as I knew you would be expecting me, from what I had previously written; but for three nights past I have scarcely closed my eyes, and last night was the most trying I have yet experienced. Yesterday, for the first time, I took an electric bath, and it stirred me up unmistakably. The pain and inflammation in my left hip (with no diminution of stiffness and suffering in the knees) were almost insupportable. This morning, therefore, I was in such a miserable plight as to need the Doctor's special attention, and to make the journey to Roxbury quite out of the question. I the more regretted this, because I strongly desired to see and converse with Miss M'Laren at

our house this afternoon. I will still hope to see her before she takes a final leave of Boston. What day I shall return home next week will depend somewhat upon my condition; though to be with you of a Sunday would be a better time to see all the family together.

You pleasantly state that "spiritual manifestations are lost upon this crowd"; but if they hold out encouragement that I shall get cured here by persevering treatment, you at least will not object to receiving that assurance. A day or two since, Mrs. Currier, the medium, while getting electrical treatment in Dr. Dow's office, was surprised at the earnest rappings heard in the room; and on asking who had made them got for an answer, "Dr. Rush." He expressed sympathy for my case, and wished something more to be done for my relief — some medicine to be taken internally. On Dr. Dow suggesting various things, a strong negative was given in every case. At last he emphatically rapped his approval of

Dr. Soule's Oriental Pills for the blood, of which Mrs. Currier had never before heard, though Dr. Dow had used them in the course of his practice. Dr. Rush also made a prescription of roots and herbs, which are botanically recognized as excellent in kidney complaints. While taking our breakfast this morning, he again came as before, rapping out an encouraging message; but, on being asked whether the electrical bath was suitable in my case responded strongly in the negative, which surely neither Dr. Dow nor Mrs. Currier would have done of their own accord. As no harm can follow a trial of what has thus been singularly recommended, the ingredients enumerated have been purchased and are already getting steeped for immediate use. I have been convinced that I need internal as well as external treatment, with special reference to the kidneys; and I shall feel grateful to any aid that may be rendered me, whether it be proffered by one in or out of the body.

Give Addie William & Aaron my love
Love for Fifty dollars, & pay Eaton, &c.

I remember from Mary Addie's case, and if it holds out hope of an ultimate cure, it is not a little discouraging as to the obstinate and protracted nature of the disease.

Julia received Frank's reply to her invitation last evening, and was greatly disappointed that he could not see his way clear to come. Even now, she is cherishing the hope that either he or William will come in this evening's train; and if disappointed, she will hope that William will be able to come the first of next week, as she has every preparation made at Miss Waterman's for a hospitable entertainment during the absence of Miss W. I need not add that I should be delighted to see either of our sons. If they cannot come, could Harry and Fanny? Their welcome would be equally cordial. Of course, I must see Harry before he leaves for Europe.

My scribble to the little ones was only designed to be read to them, and then destroyed.

With affectionate remembrances to all the household, Your loving W. L. G.